THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Chimanbhai, your second supplementary.

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: It is all right. If you say these have gone up, then I am satisfied.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Sahu, are you also satisfied?

श्री रजनी रंजन साहू (बिहार): मैं मंत्री महोदय से, क्योंकि समय कम है इसलिए छोटा सा पूरक प्रश्न पूछना चाहूंगा कि वास्तविक रूप में जो केन्द्रीय सहायता 1993-94 और 1994-95 में दी गयी है, इसमें बिहार के बारे में आपके पास कोई आंकड़े हैं कि बिहार को राज्य योजनाओं के लिए जो रकम दी गयी है, उसका अनुमानित बजट एस्टीमेट में क्या था और वास्तविक रूप में क्या दिया गया है?

SHRI MANMOHAN SINGH: Madam, I don't have the figures for individual States with me. I will make these figures available to the hon. Member. But, I do wish to point out that in the case of Bihar the total Central assistance exceeds the total size of the plan, as implemented. That itself is a measure of Bihar's financial situation and what the Central Government is doing to help Bihar.

*308. *[The questioner (Shri Prakash Yashwant Ambedkar) was absent. For answer Vide Col... infra]*

Live Telecast of Pak TV Programmes by Cable Operators

*309. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that cable operators in Delhi and some other places are telecasting Pakistan Television Programmes live from Lahore and Islamabad;

(b) whether these programmes contain anti-India propaganda, lies against security forces, and also tend to spread communal hatred;

(c) if so, the reasons for which the cable operators have been allowed to telecast these programmes;

(d) whether Government propose to ban these telecast of Pakistan Television Programmes; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Government is aware that the programmes on PTV_2, a Pakistan Television channel transmitted via the Asiasat-1 satellite, can be received in this country through an appropriate dish antenna by individuals and cable operators.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (e) Presently the programmes uplinked from abroad and telecast on foreign satellite channels are not governed by the laws of this country. However, the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Bill, 1993, presently awaiting the approval of Parliament, does contain a provision empowering an officer authorised by the State Government to prohibit, in the public interect, any cable operator from transmitting or re-transmitting any programme unless such programme is in conformity with the prescribed programme code.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now the Question Hour is over. Mr. Poojary, you can put your question to the Minister because he is sitting next to you.

SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO: Madam, I am willing to have a Half-Hour discussion if the hon. Member so desires.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Poojary, if you want to have a Half-Hour discussion, you can ask the Chairman. We will see how we can do it.

Now the Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Criteria for Allotment of Telephone connections

*301. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the rules for allotment of